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MIRAGES FOR JORDAN

IN EMBASSY'S RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH QUAI ON MIRAGES FOR JORDAN, EMBOFF NOTED (1) THAT GENERAL KHAMMASH'S SIXTY PLANE FIGURE REPRESENTS UAC RATHER THAN JORDANIAN REQUIREMENT AND (2) EXPRESSED OPINION ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT TWENTY PLANE FIGURE PROBABLY CLOSER TO JORDAN'S EVENTUAL REQUIREMENT REPLACE OBSOLESCENT AIRCRAFT NOW IN

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GOJ INVENTORY.

[redacted] CLEARLY ALREADY AWARE THESE FACTORS. HE WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER STILL LOWER FIGURE OF "ABOUT 12" AIRCRAFT MIGHT NOT PROVE SUFFICIENT. EMBOFF DID NOT RESPOND BUT WAS LEFT WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION FRENCH CONSIDER SIXTY PLANE FIGURE FANCIFUL JORDANIAN OPENING GAMBIT WHICH, IN VIEW FINANCIAL ASPECT OF PROBLEM, NOT TO BE GIVEN UNDUE IMPORTANCE.
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